

## NEWS RELEASE

**Potato Stocks**  
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### NORTH DAKOTA FEBRUARY 1 POTATO STOCKS

#### North Dakota

Stocks of potatoes in North Dakota's growers, dealers and processors storage facilities on February 1, 2004 was estimated at 15.0 million hundredweight (cwt), up 29 percent from last year and 3 percent from two years ago, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Current stocks represent 55 percent of production, up from 49 percent last year. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Stocks by type are 55 percent russets, 28 percent round whites, 4 percent long whites, and 13 percent reds. As a percent of total stocks, round whites, long whites and reds are up from 2003, while russets are down from a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 totaled 12.4 million cwt, up from 11.9 million cwt last year and two years ago. January disappearance totaled 2.30 million cwt, down from 2.40 million cwt a year ago and two years ago.

#### United States

The 15 major potato States held 201 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percent from last year. Stocks by type show more reds and round whites and fewer russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 203 million cwt of potatoes is down 2 percent from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Processors in the 9 major States used 101 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 5 percent from a year ago but 5 percent above two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 22.1 million cwt of the total processing.

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# FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS

State	Crop of 2002		Crop of 2003		Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks							
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2003	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2004	Reds		Round Whites		Long Whites		Russets	
					2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-- 1,000 Cwt --		-- 1,000 Cwt --		--- Percent ---							
<b>NORTH</b>	23,460	11,600	27,440	15,000	12	13	15	28	3	4	70	55
California	4,264	2,400	3,444	2,000								
Colorado	27,885	15,300	23,652	12,200	4	5	1	2			95	93
Idaho	133,385	72,500	123,180	67,000	1	1			4	3	95	96
Maine	16,960	9,500	17,030	10,500	5	4	44	46	1	1	50	49
Michigan	13,878	5,600	15,015	5,600			98	90			2	10
Minnesota	18,700	9,100	22,330	11,100	11	11	5	4			84	85
Montana	3,224	2,900	3,339	3,000								
Nebraska	8,611	3,700	9,860	4,500								
New York	5,500	1,100	6,510	2,400	5	5	90	90			5	5
Ohio	903	20	1,290	130								
Oregon	24,936	12,500	20,991	13,500		2	1	1	1		98	97
Pennsylvania	2,590	900	3,915	1,100	3	4	97	96				
Washington	92,400	38,500	93,150	38,000	1	1			3	3	96	96
Wisconsin	31,125	13,700	32,800	14,500	3	2	24	32			73	66
<b>11 State Total</b>					3	4	9	14	2	2	86	80
<b>15 State Total</b>	407,821	199,320	403,946	200,530								

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